Quartermaster Distinguished Unit of the Regiment



710th Brigade Support Battalion 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division Fort Drum, New York

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1 January 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR Office of the Quartermaster General

SUBJECT: Letter of Nomination for 710th Brigade Support Battalion as the Distinguished Unit of the Regiment, 2007.

- 1. It is my great honor to nominate the 710th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division for the 2007 Distinguished Unit of the Regiment Award.
- 2. The 710th BSB is the first modular logistics organization to deploy into the Afghanistan Theater of Operations. As a Brigade Support Battalion supporting an area equivalent to the size of Georgia, the 710th BSB continues to provide world-class logistics support to their modular Brigade Combat Team, plus numerous additional combat and combat support units within their Area of Operations (AO). Currently under the Task Organization of the 3rd Bde Combat Team are 25 separate Battalion Command size elements that get their primary support from the 710th BSB, with 26 Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) in the most difficult and remote locations in the Global War on Terror. In addition, the 710th BSB is responsible for establishing and maintaining the world's largest STAMIS connectivity network through a host of VSAT and CAISI configurations that allow rapid and instantaneous connectivity between hubs, remote outposts, and logistics enablers.
- 3. Their remarkable accomplishments are truly amazing and reflect greatly on the leaders and Soldiers of the 710th BSB. I know of no other Logistics Battalion that can match their tremendous talent, skill, and determination to Support the Fight. They have established a new and exciting standard for all modular Logistics Battalions. I cannot think of a more deserving unit for the 2007 Quartermaster Distinguished Unit of the Regiment Award than the 710th Brigade Support Battalion.

LARRY D. WYCH Colonel, US Army Commanding



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10 January 2007

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- 1. It is my great honor to nominate the 710th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division for the 2007 Distinguished Unit of the Regiment Award.
- 2. The 710th BSB makes up the backbone of the Task Force Spartan Brigade. Their extraordinary skills and talents have sustained the largest Coalition Force to ever fight in Afghanistan. They have conducted their sustainment mission in the most trying and demanding environments imaginable, and have executed every mission to the highest of standards. It is not an exaggeration to say that the 710th Brigade Support Battalion, the first modular logistics organization to deploy into the Afghanistan Theater of Operations, has re-written the concept of supporting the warfighter. The 710th BSB trucks have driven more miles and executed more Combat Logistics Patrols than any other ground combat unit has ever down in this country. They established and continue to maintain the single largest VSAT connectivity network currently in operation in either Iraq or Afghanistan. The battle-space they cover in supporting the multitude of Coalition Forces within our sector exceeds the space of any other BSB in the Army today. They are truly great warriors and supporters, and the success of the 710th BSB directly reflects on the success of the TF Spartan Combat Brigade.
- 3. It is my highest honor to nominate the 710th BSB for the Quartermaster Distinguished Unit of the Regiment Award for 2007. They have established the highest standards for any logistical unit I've worked with, and have allowed me to expand the influence of my Combat Brigade into areas never previously touched by any coalition force in Afghanistan.

OHN W. NICHOLSON, JR

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Commanding



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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13 February, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR Office of the Quartermaster General

SUBJECT: Letter of Nomination for 710th Brigade Support Battalion

- 1. I can honestly say without reservation that the 710th Brigade Support Battalion distinguished itself among the battalions of the Regiment and truly deserves to be named a Distinguished Unit of the Regiment.
- 2. The 710th Brigade Support Battalion is on the leading edge of Army Transformation in doctrine, training and mission execution. The battalion has demonstrated for the Army that its modular BSBs are truly capable of supporting non-contiguous, non-linear battle over large expanses of terrain. It has been a truly outstanding performance from the first modular Brigade Support Battalion to enter the battle space of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- 3. Throughout the deployment the battalion consistently provided uninterrupted support to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team. In the face of the incredibly austere and unforgiving terrain of Afghanistan, the Warrior Ethos and "Can-do" attitude of the Soldiers enabled them to completely restructure the logistics framework of Regional Command East. Four new Forward Support Companies set out to build headquarters and support facilities that did not exist enabling the brigade to expand operations in every direction. In the face of a surge in Taliban activity, the battalion quickly built distributed support capability over an area of operations the size of the state of Ohio with 36 Forward Operating Bases and outposts.
- 3. It has been my honor to serve in this battalion and I believe its accomplishments have set it apart as a Distinguished Unit of the Regiment.

SUPPORT THE FIGHT!

VERNON L. BEAT

LTC, QM Commanding

710th Brigade Support Battalion History

Constituted 27August 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 123rd Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company.

Activated 14 September 1842 at Camp Carson, Colorado.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 July 1943 as the 710th Ordnance Light Maintenance Platoon, an element of the 10th Light Division.

Inactivated 24 October 1945 at Camp Carson, Colorado.

Redesignated 18 June 1948 as the 710th Ordnance Maintenance Company, an element of the 10th Infantry Division(later redesignated the 10th Mountain Division).

Allotted 25 June 1948 to the Regular Army.

Activated 1 July 1948 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Reorganized and redesignated 15 June 1954 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 710th Ordnance Battalion (organic elements [constituted 27 April 1954] concurrently activated.

Battalion inactivated 14 June 1958 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Redesignated 1 August 1985 as the 710th Maintenance Battalion and activated at Fort Drum, New York.

20 August 2004 710th Main Support Battalion Became 710th Brigade Support Battalion.



In the following pages you'll be introduced to the **710**th **Brigade Support Battalion**. The Soldiers whose motto is **Spartan Support – Support the Fight!**

There are eight separate modular companies, to include four Forward Support Companies.

Their mission is to arm, fix, fuel, move, sustain, and medically support the thousands of Soldiers that make up the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, the Spartan Brigade, of the 10th Mountain Division.

From January 2006 until February 2007, the Soldiers of the 710th BSB were deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VII. Their role was to support the largest US combat Brigade in theater, and to do it in the most difficult and exacting terrain imaginable.

They accomplished their mission in a manner that would make all Soldiers and Logisticians proud.

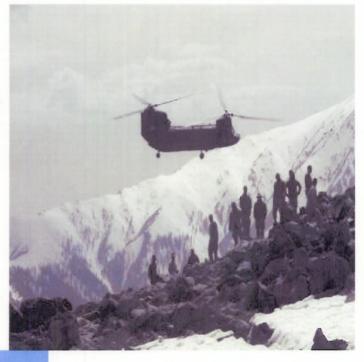
This is their story.



The 710th Brigade Support Battalion deployed into the Afghanistan Theater of Operations in January 2006. Immediately upon hitting ground, the Logisticians in the 3rd Brigade Combat Team began supporting combat operations in Regional Command East, the geographic area that would be home for TF Spartan and the 710th BSB for the next year. This eastern area of Afghanistan encompassed a land area that

was vast and formidable, from snow-capped mountain peaks to wind-blown arid deserts. From altitudes exceeding 12,000 feet to temperatures higher than 135 degrees in the shade.

With over 700 professional Logisticians and an attached Military Police Company, the 710th BSB demonstrated day-in and day-out that they are

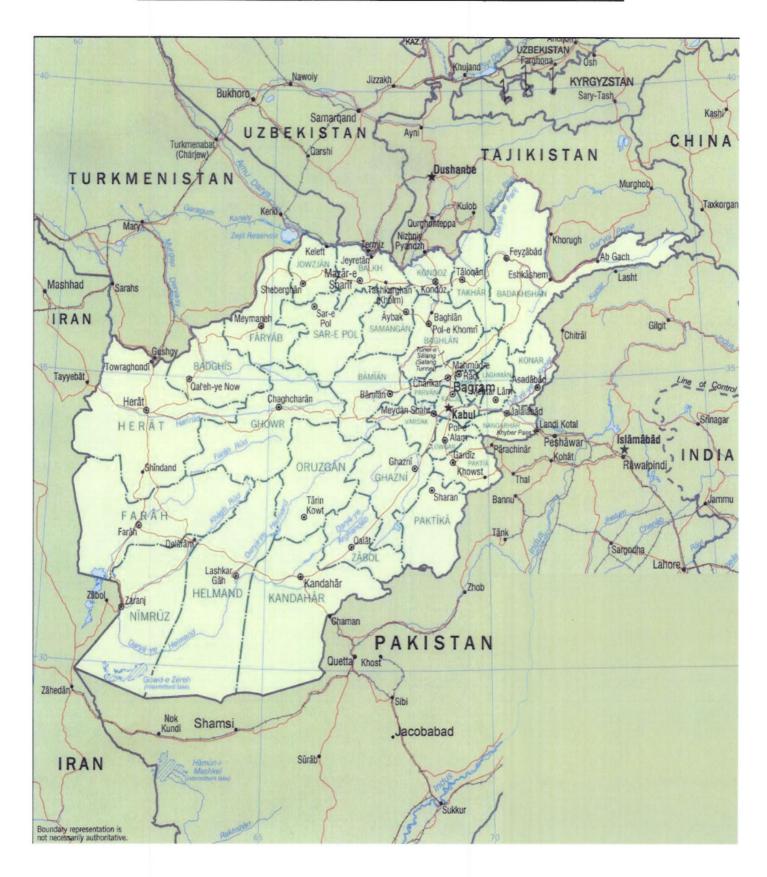




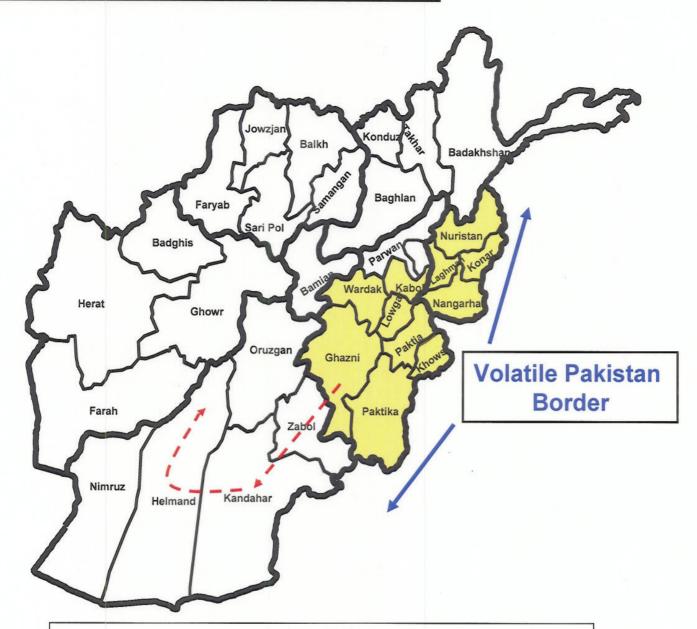
Tough, Skilled, Battle-Hardened Warriors, ready at all times to

Support The Fight!

Basic Geography of Afghanistan



710th BSB Geography



- · Border with Pakistan is 569 miles long.
- TF Spartan covers 27,700 square miles (equivalent to the state of Georgia).
- Terrain varies from snow covered mountains in the north, to arid deserts in the south.
- 710th BSB surged capability to meet unforcasted out-of-sector requirements as far south as the Helmand Province.



Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) 710th BSB



HHC served as the battalion's hub enabling the BSB and its companies to provide unrelenting, continuous logistical support to Task Force Spartan during Operation Enduring Freedom VII. Within HHC, the Headquarters, Support Operations section and S1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 shops worked endlessly to ensure the companies were set for success to accomplish the numerous OEF VII missions on Forward Operating Base (FOB) Salerno as well as other FOB throughout Afghanistan.



For Operation Mountain Lion (Feb-Jun 2006), the BSB XO, A-SPO, S1, A-S3 as well as Soldiers from the S6 would give their expertise in logistical planning, communications, sling load and air resupply in the Jalalabad area of operations. In addition, Soldiers from the S6 were sent for Operations Lion, Thrust and Fury to field the companies and Combat Logistics Patrols (CLPs) with pertinent radios and communications equipment ensuring our Soldiers on the roads were safe and constantly in contact with the BSB.

In April 2006, four fearless female non-commissioned officers from the HQs, S3 and S4 sections were hand selected for a mission with the 1-3 Marines. Given the mission to interrogate and search female detainees, they traversed by foot for weeks over treacherous terrain searching for the enemy in the Korungal Valley, namely Chical and Candalay, ensuring the local populace was safe. They were commended by the 1-3 Marines for their professionalism and valor.



In May 2006, the Support Operations Officer, HHC Company Commander and HQs Training NCO were sent to Kandahar and then Musa Qalah to support 2 BN 87 IN for Operation Mountain Thrust from May-July 2006. It was the largest combat operations mission in Afghanistan since 2001. The HHC Commander would command an ad hoc Forward Support Company to serve as the forward logistics element (FLE) composed of NCOs and Soldiers from the HQs, Distribution, Maintenance and Medical companies within the BSB. The FSC, known as Hotel Company, built a 250m x 200m FOB and was in charge of life support and force protection for approximately 450 personnel.

Hotel Company accomplishments included: Field Ordering Officer/Pay Agent responsible for US\$50,000; the largest amount ever issued to a FOO/Pay Agent team in TF Spartan; Logistics convoy from Khowst to Kandahar and then Kandahar to Musa Qalah totaling more than 500 km and 80 hrs on the road; completion of 740 maintenance jobs in 2 months (114 Automotive, 107 GSE, 149 Armament, 122 C&E, 248 S&R); Issued more than 2,500 cases of MRE's; 25,000 gallons of JP-8: 20,000 cases of water: Water point provided more than 25,000 gallons of water for showers: Accountability. issue, and storage of CL V for ASP with more than 75 different DODICs.





Due to heavy enemy activity on the roads, aerial resupply was the predominant source of supply for the 40 day operation. Recovery of more than 500 CDS bundles of CL I, III, V, and IX; Safely landing more than 100 CH-47s with CL I, III, V and IX. One NCO commended for his extreme professionalism and valor while under fire; he had a confirmed kill of four Taliban fighters.



In July 2006, three officers from the BN S4, HQs, and S3 sections were sent to FOB Warrior (south of Ghazni) as liasons to facilitate training with the Afghanistan National Army.

The CSSAMO section, composed of only two NCOs and one Soldier, was instrumental in achieving continuous connectivity for the 3IBCT Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) The VSATs were used to requisition all supplies, equipment and repair parts for the BCT and its supported customers. The CSSAMO NCOIC was commended as being the best in his field throughout the brigade.





The CSSAMO shop built and maintained a STAMIS network that linked over 25 separate outposts with VSAT and CAISI networks. Included in their automations skills were setup and troubleshooting of maintenance, supply, ammunition, and medical STAMIS systems. In an undermanned shop, it was widely considered the most extensive Army Satellite communications net in use by a single Brigade.

The Support Operations Section was responsible for the Brigade's logistical coordination throughout RC East during OEF VII. With SPO cells in Bagram Airfield and FOB Salerno, the SPO shop ensured more than approximately 800 air and ground movements were properly planned, executed and monitored. This resulted in the delivery of more than 12 million pounds of critical supplies to outlying FOBs throughout RC East during OEF VII.

A new responsibility given to the 710th BSB was the creation of a force protection organization to be responsible for the synchronization, integration, and coordination of Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism assets on FOB Salerno. HHC provided leadership from the SPO and S3 sections for the Force protection/Antiterrorist and Security (FP/AT) cell composed of: Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC), Provost Marshalls Office (PMO), Kellog, Brown and Root (KBR) Fire & Rescue, Tactical Human Team (Army) (THT), Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI), and KBR Security. The FP/AT became the model for all of Afghanistan as well as other FOBS in country. They were responsible for a 120 Soldier element and the accountability and maintenance of over \$4,000,000 worth of security equipment as well as controlled two vital Entry Control Points (ECP) ensuring more than 600 local workers and their vehicles were searched daily to ensure the safety of approximately 2,800 Soldiers living on FOB Salerno. The FP/AT also developed and implemented an internal quick reaction force (QRF) plan that increased the Brigade's force protection posture while also being responsible for the management and manning of 10 observation posts located throughout the FOB. The FP/AT, in addition, pioneered a procedure to interview local national drivers in order to elicit pertinent and up to date intelligence pertaining to routes and roads used by US Soldiers traversing difficult terrain for combat logistical patrols. The intelligence was given to the Brigade S2 for dissemination amongst other battalions and neighboring units.

not only as a testament to the vital Warrior training Soldiers and leaders received but also brilliantly showcased the 710th BSB's doctrinal and innovative logistics problem solving and management skills that successfully sustained the brigade with all critical classes of supply and maintenance throughout OEF VII.

"Hellraisers!"
"Support the Fight!"



Alpha Company (A Co) 710th BSB "DISTRO"

In early 2006, Alpha Company 710th Brigade Support Battalion (Distribution) deployed 175 soldiers to Operation Enduring Freedom VII to Forward Operating Base Salerno, Khowst Province, Afghanistan, located in an area known as Regional Command East. Once on ground, "Distro" lead by CPT Venters and 1SG Flores, began the process of supporting the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division by achieving the following:





The Supply Support Activity (SSA) Platoon operated and managed of an Authorized Stockage List (ASL) consisting of 1337 lines valued in excess of 4.5 million dollars. They also supported 20 customers with Class I, II, III (P), IV, VII, IX support, serving 110 DODAAC's. They processed over 135,000 requisitions totaling \$145,000,000 and received more then 56,992 Material Release Orders (MRO's) worth more than \$42,000,000. In addition, they turned-in \$1,000,000 worth of serviceable and unserviceable parts and retrograded nearly 200 carrier leased containers saving the government over \$750,000. The SSA also issued over \$41,000,000 worth of products to the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team's (3rd IBCT) customers and in addition managed a Class IV yard with an ASL of over \$4,000,000.

Alpha Company also managed an Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) on Salerno. Members of the "Liquid Lead" Platoon maintained an ASP supporting 33 customers with an ABL of over \$6 million dollars in munitions, which was recognized by the Department of Defense (DOD) as "the most organized and proficient ASP in Afghanistan." They issued 112 different DODIC's to supported units. The "Water Dogs" also setup the first tactical water purification system in theater at four (4) different Forward Operating Bases (FOB's). In addition, they also provided personnel to a Forward Logistics Element (FLE) to 1/102nd Infantry, Task Force Iron Greys, and executed numerous resupply missions to Bagram Air Field (BAF) while providing mechanical support to the unit in concert with Bravo





The Transportation and Mobility sections were also extremely busy during the rotation. They started by conducting 12 security patrol missions for the engineers to FOB Chapman. These served as a "practice" run for future operations. They then proceeded to prepare and outfit over 50 vehicles with protection and electronic counter measure (ECM) devices for CLP duties and for other units in the Brigade.

The company then provided command and control and sling load teams for Operation Mountain Lion in April and May 2006 primarily from Jalalabad. During this time frame, the members of the company performed 75 separate sling load missions over a six week period, pushing critically needed supplies to support the offensive effort by 1/32 Infantry Battalion.



In late May through August brought a huge undertaking in the formation of "Hotel" company, a Forward Support Company (FSC) attached to 2/87 Infantry Battalion during Operation Mountain Thrust, which took "Distro" into the volatile Regional Command South. Although the Commander and 1SG came from other companies in the battalion, 60% of the newly formed "Company" came from Alpha. During Mountain Thrust, they participated in the fabrication and construction of FOB Musa Qala.

They were responsible for pushing and receiving over 120 kicker pallets of Class I, II, III (P), IV, V, VII, VIII, and IX, recovering and securing over 230 CDS bundles, and safely landing over 100 CH-47 Chinook helicopters without incident. Simultaneously, Alpha Company had Soldiers in Jalaabad again, performing more than 150 resupply slingload missions.



Additionally, on 21 June 2006, the unit colors were passed from CPT Christopher K. Venters to CPT Randy L. Perry, signifying a new era in "Distro" history.



CPT Perry's era began in August and brought the preparation for Operation Mountain Fury into focus. During this phase, Alpha Company was called upon to provide two (2) Combat Logistic Patrols (CLP's) in both Gardez and Ghazni. Cross sections of the five (5) platoons in the company were deployed to both locations and immediately began running resupply missions. A smaller group was relocated to Sharona in September and began pushes immediately in support of 2/87 Infantry Battalion. In the true spirit and tradition of the Army's Transportation Corps, whose storied history includes the famed "Red Ball Express", the team in Ghazni named itself "Spearhead", taking its name from the Transportation Regimental crest, "Spearhead of Logistics."

"Provider", was named signifying the importance of the logistics that they successfully delivered. Their team was located out of Gardez, Sharona, and ultimately ended up supporting out of Bagram (BAF).

In all, "Spearhead" and "Provider" conducted over 96 Combat Logistics Patrols, logging over 12,000 accident/incident-free miles in the challenging and dangerous unimproved roads and mountains of Afghanistan. The CLP's successfully delivered over 180 Short Tons of CL I, II, III (P), IV, V, VII, and IX to our Soldiers in the Afghan Theater, while averaging approximately 2.028 short tons per mission. The Spearhead element eventually moved Operations to Bagram and continued its non-stop logistical support.





At about the same time, the theater, as a whole, began the seamless transition to the control of the International Security Allied Forces (ISAF), joining the ranks of our comrades from Poland, Germany, Britain and other countries, who share the need for peace in the region.





Support at FOB Salerno has not stopped as Alpha Company, since March, has processed and completed over 600 mission support taskings ranging from MHE support, to transportation support and Soldier details, such as Soldiers attached to Contracting and Local National Escort. We also provided nine (9) Soldiers to serve as guards for the prison on the base ran by the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion. The Distro Company also contributed to over 50% of the Soldiers to the full-time Base **Defense Operations Center** (BDOC) on FOB Salerno, to include 75% of the Sergeant's of the Guard and critical areas such as vehicle entry points and Alpha Soldiers run the Mobile Vehicle/Cargo Inspection System (MVACIS), which screens approximately 80 local national vehicles a day. I

During our rotation, any supply that was requisitioned, issued, consumed or hauled went through the hands of a Distro Soldier. There were very few, if any supplies that moved through the Afghan theater without us. To borrow a phrase coined by our Liquid Lead platoon back at our home base at Fort Drum, that rings true and is in the spirit of combat logistics "TRY FIGHTING WITHOUT US!"



Bravo Company(B CO) 710TH BSB "Cold Steel"



As the Field Maintenance Company, Bravo Company was responsible for the overall Maintenance Operations of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team and area support for RC East in Afghanistan. We were in charge of a total of 25 customers throughout RC East, and nine Provisional Reconstruction Teams. Bravo Company deployed to Afghanistan in support of OEF VII. Upon arrival on FOB Salerno, we began building up the motor pool area for sustainment maintenance operations in RC East at the completion of RIP with the 82nd Airborne. We immediately saw the need and placed orders for the construction of eight additional B-Huts; offices/shops for Shop Office, Automotive Shop, Service and Recovery Shop, and a Battery storage building. We also ordered two pole barns and two welding shops for motor pool operations in FOB Salerno.



As part of fluidity of operations in Afghanistan, Bravo Company created a Maintenance Platoon as part of the Provisional Hotel Company (an FSC created from the Battalion proper) to support 2-87 IN in RC South for Operation MOUNTAIN THRUST. Once arriving in Kandahar, Bravo Company immediately began receiving all combat units involved in Operation Mountain Thrust, to include H Co 710th BSB, A Co 3-71 CAV, HQ 2-87 IN, C Co 2-87 IN, D Co 2-87 IN, the Marauder element, an RCP package, 5-25 FA, TF Liberty units, and Special Forces units. We established maintenance operations in Kandahar for Task Force Catamount and began working on 86 HMMWVs. 5 FMTVs, 8 5-Ton 900 series, 5 PLSs, 2 M119 howitzers, 3 81mm mortars, and various other engineering, communication, and contracted equipment. Prior to convoying out to Musa Qala in the Bagran Valley, Bravo Company completed 106 jobs and 120 services, did technical inspection on 98 pieces of equipment and repaired 58 in three days.

As soon as Bravo Company arrived at the site for FOB Musa Qala, we began designing and supervising the layout of the motor pool and maintenance operations, while simultaneously providing security to half of the new FOB's perimeter. We set up the VSAT and deployed and managed 3 SAMS-E boxes at a remote FOB 180 kilometers from the nearest military base. Bravo Company effectively fixed as far forward as possible. Equipment that was not fixed by the MSTs was repaired at the FOB. Fleet readiness status of the Task Force never fell below 90% and only five vehicles had to be transported back to Kandahar due to extreme battle damage. We managed this all this after only receiving 25% of the shop stock and the loss of ground lines of communication. Throughout the duration of this unique mission, Bravo Company conducted the repairs of 113 AUTO jobs, 107 GSE jobs, 4 Missile jobs, 236 S&R jobs, 149 ARMT jobs, and 122 C&E jobs for a total of 731 jobs. Bravo Company managed all of these accomplishments despite the fact that he and his Company were in a very austere environment



Other unique missions included supporting two Convoy Logistics Patrols with wrecker and MST support, and providing a 10 man MST to 1-102 IN who deployed without any organic maintenance support. This team consisted of recovery, automotive, armament, and A/C repair capabilities. These teams supported over 110 major pieces of equipment and completed over 300 direct support jobs and 100 recovery missions.

Bravo Company's Baghram Detachment repaired and evacuated over 800 pieces of equipment for the entire BCT. They coordinated with the Close Combat Weapon Systems (CCWS) Project Officer to design and fabricate Gunner Protection Kits for the M1114 and M1151 UA HMMWV that would allow the utilization of the ITAS weapon system while ensuring force protection and individual safety measures were met. They also developed a RAVEN Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) exchange program that would minimize the downtime for customer units and allow them to maintain a 95% readiness rate at all times

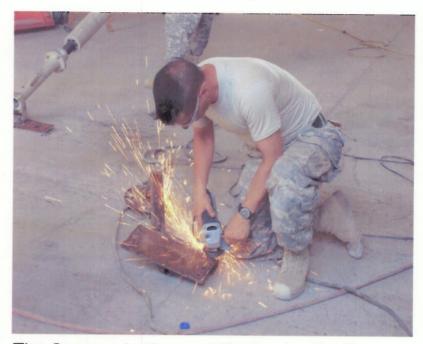


The Maintenance Control Section (MCS) provided the managerial oversight to all sections and Provisional Reconstruction Teams (PRT). The section deployed the Brigade's Senior Automotive Tech out to the PRTs to conduct site surveys to ensure the PRT maintenance sections were equipped and trained to support their PRT. They ordered nine complete sets of tools and shipped them to the PRTS to make sure they were self sufficient.

The Automotive Section (Auto) completed 250 services and over 700 direct support work orders. They provided maintenance support to Operation TILLMAN, the investigation into the circumstances of Pat Tillman's death. They repeatedly pushed mechanics forward to FB Chapman to provide services and installation of Gunner Protection Kits and Enhancement Kits on M1114s for the Special Forces.

The Service and Recovery Section (S&R) did over 750 jobs, including 200 recovery missions of lift jobs for aviation, lifting blades and engines out of the helicopters. In addition to supporting 3rd IBCT, the S&R section provided support to 91st MP Bn, Air Force, Base Ops (repairing holes in the perimeter fence), KBR, and Special Forces, including traveling to FB Chapman to make modifications to 12 of their trucks.

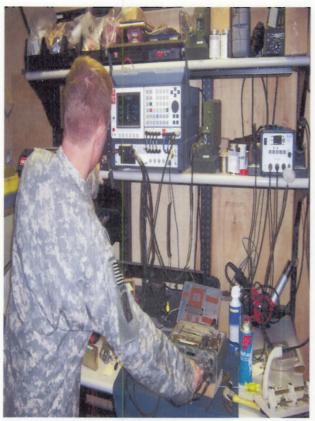
The Ground Support Equipment Section (GSE) has completed 963 jobs to include 144 A/C and 86 Material Handling Equipment jobs. They recycled 155 batteries. saving the Army \$41,030.05 in Class IX Supplies and reducing Hazardous Waste. They sent a two man team out to all the FOBs in RC East over a five and a half month time frame. troubleshooting, repairing, and servicing up-armored vehicles and equipment. They trained 85 Coalition Soldiers on nine pieces of newly fielded equipment. They built a functional State of the Art Battery Shop to support future rotations on FOB Salerno



The Communication and Electronics Section (C&E) has done over 736 jobs and reset 900 pieces of equipment during reconstitution. After Operation MOUNTAIN THRUST, C&E sent two soldiers to Kandahar to reset 2-87 IN, completing 478 job orders in just two weeks



The Armament Section provided support for Operation MOUNTAIN THRUST by successfully completing 143 weapons and two M119 jobs and services. They pulled the howitzer repair mission for Golf Company on FOB Salerno, repairing two M119 and two M198 howitzers. They completed over 300 job orders on weapon systems and howitzers from various units located on or around FOB Salerno.





Overall, Bravo Company was the first Field Maintenance Company in the first Brigade Support Battalion to deploy to Afghanistan and was also instrumental in utilizing the new SAMS-E for the first time in combat. Through our Maintenance Control Section's efforts. many faults were identified with the new software and worked with the programmers at McClain Technologies to work out fixes to the faults. We have sustained combat readiness of the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team above 90% over the past 11 months. Bravo Company is responsible for the successful completion of 6,230 direct support work orders. 250 enhancement kit installations, 2,100 organizational level jobs, 1,826 services, and maintaining 277 pieces of TMDE equipment in the past 11 months. Bravo Company maintained 100% accountability of the battalion's 2,144 lines of PLL, Bench Stock, and Shop Stock, valued at over \$327,432. We were also responsible for the Brigade's M1114 and Javelin Combat Launch Unit Operational Readiness Float Fleets worth over \$1.5 Million.





Charlie Company (C CO) 710TH BSB "Bring the Pain"

Starting in late January Charlie Company 710th Brigade Support Battalion (Medical) started deploying Soldiers to Operation Enduring Freedom VII with two maneuver elements in 3rd IBCT, it included 1-32 IN and 2-87 IN. By mid March the rest of C Co deployed to Forward Operating Base Salerno, Khowst Province, Afghanistan, located in an area known as Regional Command East, under the command of CPT Matthew Mapes and 1SG Keith Redvay.

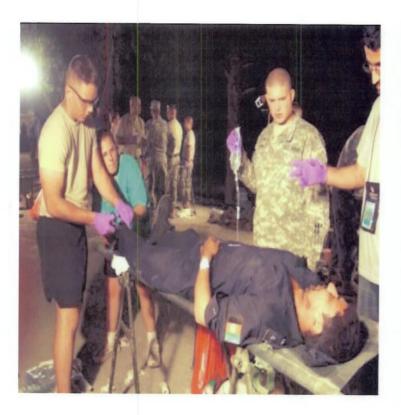




Immediately as C Co hit the ground they started integrating into a joint relationship with the 14th Combat Support Hospital Detachment on FOB Salerno. X-Ray, Lab and Pharmacy worked side by side throughout the entire rotation; while the medics received training with traumas and surgeries with the 14th CSH Detachment.

C Co was the first ever medical company to implement Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) in Afghanistan. By accomplishing this feat they turned a paper medical record system into a digitized system to where providers throughout the world can access medical information on each Soldier as they are getting evacuated out of theater. To stay along the lines of firsts, a Physical Therapist and Physical Therapy Tech deployed for the first time ever with a Brigade Support Battalion. In addition the Brigade Medical Supply Office set up a new supply office with over 200 line items to support all units in RC East. Medical Maintenance went to work right away to ensure that not only Charlie Company Equipment was fully operational but also kept the 14th CSH Detachment on line with fully functional equipment.





Charlie Company immediately began working on the MASCAL Plan for FOB Salerno by ensuring that all nine Casualty Collection Points (CCP's) on the FOB were fully stocked with Class VIII and then added two more CCP's a few months later to meet the needs of the growing FOB.

They also were responsible for the Regional Interim Facility on FOB Salerno where they provided all medical care to Enemy Prisoners of War as they came through the facility and went out.